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Office of the Commandant

Mr. Robert M. Gates  
 Acting Director  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Gates:

This is to express my appreciation for the outstanding support your agency provided on March 25, 1987 for the U.S. Army War College National Capital Field Trip. As in years past, the CIA arranged a slate of outstanding speakers who were forthright and frank in their remarks, as well as responsive to our students' questions.

Please pass our thanks to those who made this a resoundingly successful afternoon. [redacted] of the Office of Training and Education diligently and capably handled all the arrangements. [redacted] Director of Management and Planning, Directorate of Science and Technology, talked on the organization and functions of her directorate and opened windows on the wizardry that has paid off handsomely in greater understanding of Soviet military capabilities.

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Additionally, the Chief of the Career Management Staff illuminated the intriguing worlds of espionage and Mr. Richard Kerr, Deputy Director for Intelligence, addressed the matter of maintaining objectivity. We deeply appreciate the willingness of these high officials to share with our students the role intelligence plays in the national security process.

Thank you for making possible this great visit. We hope we can count on CIA's continued support in the future.

Sincerely,

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